

TWO COLUMBIANS ADMIT NAZI PLOT

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Hurry Up and Help: Josephine Piccolo of Brooklyn, heroine of an encounter with the Mississippi bigot, urges all good Americans to chip in to oust Bilbo. With only four weeks to go before the new Senate must face the question—or hide from it—the Civil Rights Congress suggests you: (1) wire the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee asking that newsmen who heard Bilbo's calls for bloodshed be allowed to testify, (2) Get those petitions in by Christmas and (3) write your senators to vote for the ouster.

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Greek Army Staffed by 1,200 Who Served Nazis

More than 1,200 commissioned officers of the present Greek royalist army served in the German uniformed and German commanded Security Battalions, during the Nazi occupation of Greece.

These officers, maintaining the same rank they had under the Gestapo and Wehrmacht, are at present directing the Greek army offensive against the "guerillas"—adherents of Greek resistance during the occupation.

The names, rank and units of these German officers have been received in America and printed exclusively in the Daily Worker. The commercial press here is suppressing this information.

200 NAMES

In a 12-page memorandum prepared by the EAM Bureau of Enlightenment, the names of 200 of the German organized security battalions, now commanding the Greek army are listed.

These are three of the highest ranking officers, colonels, and the German units in which they served:

- Christo Gerakines, military commander of Euboea during the occupation.
- George Papageorge, commander of the Third Regiment of Euboea.
- Peter Mpasakides, commander of the German gendarmes in Peloponesos.

The list of lieutenant colonels, majors, captains then follows.

The memorandum contrasts these German officers of the Elás, the Greek resistance army which fought the German invaders. In September and October, 139 of these officers were exiled.

While the British puppet Premier Constantinos Tsaldaris appears before the UN to charge foreign intervention in behalf of the resistance fighters, who had to flee to the mountains to save their lives, the EAM memorandum cites chapter and verse of British army support of the Greek fascist civil war against the republicans.

Thus on Dec. 1, 1944, British Gen. Scobie went over the head of the Greek government and issued an edict dissolving the Elás resistance forces, while under the law only the Greek government could issue such an order.

On Dec. 8, when the populace of Athens protested the edict, British troops of intervention fired into the crowd and killed 24 men, women and children, wounding several hundred.

MASSACRE

On Dec. 5, 1944, British planes strafed Elás forces outside Thebes. British tanks in Athens, the same day, opened artillery and small arms fire against unarmed civilians, making no distinction of sex or age.

And finally, the document pins direct re-

sponsibility on the British for support of the German-dominated Security Corps. It quotes the paper Vima of March 6, 1946, supporter of the Sophoulis government:

"In regard to questions of public order it has been made known that the corollary of the recent talks of the premier and Mr. Wickham (British organizer of the Greek police) is that up to the day of the elections no change shall be made in the composition of the Security Corps and no transfer whatever of any organ of order, even of one gendarme, shall take place without the approval of the British mission for organization."

The nature of British armed intervention in Greece was admitted by government supporter Sarris, in a debate in the Greek chamber of deputies Nov. 18 this year:

"Our friends and allies, the British, are not interested in the seven and a half million Greek people; they are interested in the territorial zone, the geographical term of which is named Greece. They are interested in Greece as a rock of defense. But I would like to ask the chamber and the government . . . in case of war between the big powers . . . how many divisions are needed to guard this front? Not tens, but hundreds of divisions are needed."

This was followed by additional British shipment of arms to Greek monarchists and the reinforcement of British occupation troops.

WORLD EVENTS

Connally Hammers on Home Troop 'Menace'

By Joseph Clark

Sen. Tom Connally clapped his hands, pounded the table and insisted yesterday before the United Nations General Assembly that armies at home, not the atombomb or the intervention of troops abroad, from China to Greece, create dangers in the world today. With all the senatorial oratory which has enlivened many a filibuster to save the politax, Connally demanded that any United Nations troop survey must include forces stationed at home as well as abroad.

While Britain's Sir Hartley Shawcross supported Connally's stand, French delegate Alexandre Parodi reminded the General Assembly, meeting in Flushing Meadows, about the purpose of the whole discussion.

He pointed out that the issue was troops stationed in foreign countries and the aim was to secure a balanced and progressive withdrawal of such forces.

He noted that the Soviet delegation had accepted the broadening of its original motion to include troops stationed in former enemy countries as well as those in friendly lands.

DISARMAMENT QUESTION

Parodi explained further that the issue of troops at home, introduced by the American delegation, and inspection, proposed by the British, were related to disarmament. These should be taken up under the Security Council's consideration of that question, he declared.

Parodi said this question would require long consideration, perhaps months, but the cause of peace and security would be furthered by deciding on the withdrawal of troops in foreign countries right now.

The Egyptian delegate spoke briefly about keeping the peace through collective security and not by the unilateral dispatch of armies abroad.

Sir Hartley, sartorially perfect, with a flaming red handkerchief in his lapel pocket, mocked Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's argument that the intervention of troops abroad was a cause of anxiety.

He agreed with Connally that troops at home were the real danger.

WEAPON SURVEY

Late last Sunday night, Molotov urged that any survey of troops at home must be connected with atom bomb and other weapons of mass destruction which are produced at home. Shawcross replied by saying troops abroad also carried weapons.

He slapped his thigh to show that troops abroad were armed and that, if you give a count of troops, you thereby count their weapons.

Connally answered Molotov's argument that the U. S. and British amendments would delay action on a troop survey abroad by saying the Russians were really responsible for delay. He charged Russia with refusal to tell about troops at home, now or ever in the future.

This despite Molotov's declaration that a count of troops at home would be made in connection with disarmament, along with a count of arms, especially of weapons for mass destruction.

French Parties Slow to Agree

Hope for formation of a new cabinet in France by the weekend lessened yesterday as political leaders in Paris failed to agree on details of a coalition government.

Party leaders heard a suggestion by Vincent Auriol, president of the National Assembly, that the solution to the current political situation was the formation of a coalition of the Popular Republican, Socialist, Communist, Left Republican and Peasant parties.

CHARGES U. S., BRITISH HIDE REASONS FOR TROOPS ABROAD

Ukrainian spokesman Lev Medved, replying to Sen. Connally, who said Soviet infantry was the real menace in the world today, reminded the General Assembly that Hiroshima was destroyed, but not by infantry troops.

He recalled for the benefit of Sir Hartley Shawcross, British delegate, that England suffered great losses without a single enemy infantry soldier ever having set foot in that country in World War II.

The question before the Assembly, Medved said, was the presence of troops in other countries.

Medved charged an effort was being made to conceal the reasons for keeping troops in foreign countries. The Soviet Union, as well as France, have named countries where their troops are located.

Let the United States tell where, how many, and how long, its troops will stay abroad, he said.

This information, and in an obvious reference to Connally's gesticulations, added, "waving your arms is not information."

Medved categorically denied the Soviet Republics would refuse to give information about their troops at home. Such information, he said, must be secured in connection with arms and actual disarmament.

"And by arms, I mean all weapons of destruction, planes, ships, rockets and atombombs."

UN Women to Be Honored at Luncheon

Mme. Anarosa M. Guerrero of Argentina will be among the guests of honor at the "Women of the United Nations" luncheon tomorrow (Thursday) at 12:30 p.m. at the Hotel Pierre, given by the Committee of Women of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.



Europa Down: The former German luxury liner Europa, renamed La Liberté by the French who received it as reparations, rests on the bottom of Le Havre harbor after a storm tore her from her moorings and sent her crashing into the bulk of the liner Paris. This view shows her after she was righted by tugs.

LaGuardia Raps Politics in Food

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—UNRRA Director General Fiorello LaGuardia today reasserted his demand for distribution of relief to war-ravished countries without political consideration and placed himself in flat opposition to State Department policies. He made what may be his last report to the UNRRA council holding its final sessions here prior to the liquidation of the organization Dec. 31.

For the turbulent "Little Flower," today's speech was unusually sober and restrained, and it did not mention any U. S. official by name. But it contradicted almost every point made by Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson in his broadcast Sunday.

Acheson said only three or four countries in Europe will need food relief in 1947, a point he elaborated in his press conference today when he named Greece, Italy and Austria.

LaGuardia said all UNRRA-assisted countries of Europe will need help in the coming year.

"There will be need for food," said LaGuardia, and in an unmistakable reference to the hate-filled speech of Acheson, "I hope it will be forthcoming without fear or favor, prejudice or hate, and organized in the spirit of the old UNRRA."

NOT USEFUL

Acheson asserted UNRRA had outlived its usefulness and that its work can now be carried on by the World Bank and the International Fund.

LaGuardia pointed out the World Bank has made no loans to date and cannot conceivably do so within the next three months. As for the International Fund, "it will have to snap into action lest it soon be too late."

Acheson contended UNRRA's allocation of relief had been influenced by political considerations, with some nations getting more than they needed.

MEMBERSHIP

LaGuardia showed the central committee was composed of nine nations, including the U. S. and Britain, and its membership had been elected by the 48 member nations in the council. Neither the U. S. nor Britain ever raised objections to the personnel, he hinted.

"Every nation, big or small, had its say in the creation of that committee and in the selection

of its members. I can say that during my term of office, I do not know of any instance or of any case of politics played in the allocation of food by that committee. Anyone who says so is not telling the fact accurately."

LaGuardia said 74 percent of UNRRA funds were spent but the

26 percent remaining were fully committed by the central committee.

He issued a warning—interpreted as directed at the State Department—that "no one government, big or small, should be under the misapprehension that after Dec. 31 they will have any latitude in reshuffling that program."

TROOPS ATTACK YENAN AREA AS CHIANG TALKS 'PEACE'

NANKING, Dec. 10.—A Communist spokesman charged today that the Kuomintang has begun a large scale offensive against Yen-an even as it spoke about sending an envoy to the Communist Capital in the "faint hope" of resuming peace talks.

At the same time, Kuomintang sources said Communists were taking advantage of the freeze of the Sungari River to cross it in preparation for Kuomintang attack in Manchuria.

Communist sources said six U. S.-equipped Kuomintang regiments under Gen. Hu tsung-Nan advanced from 10 to 16 miles, captured Liulinchen, 110 miles south-

west of Yen-an, and Yangchiatien, 90 miles southwest of Yen-an.

Communist troops guarding the southern border of northern Shensi pocket were said to be offering stiff resistance.

Despite Chiang Kai-shek's "Cease Fire Order" Kuomintang troops and Communists fought 647 engagements during November on all fronts in 10 provinces, the Communists said.

NANKING, Dec. 10 (UP).—Chinese Communists have permitted two American liaison officers to be stationed in Harbin, their stronghold in Manchuria, the newspaper Hsin Min-Pao said today.

WORLD BRIEFS



HOPE for four miners in Whitehaven, England was abandoned after an explosion in the Lowen pit trapped 15 men. Eleven bodies had been recovered, when rescue squads were tunneling through a wall of fallen coal and rock which sealed off the missing men. Nine rescue crews worked in shifts, but their efforts were impeded by seepage from the sea, under which some arms of the mine extend, and by gas.

DIVING over a Nuernberg prison balcony railing in Germany went Friedrich Karl Lechler, 34 former SS lieutenant colonel and chief of supplies for concentration camps under the Nazis. Prison authorities gave him a 50-50 chance of survival.

CRASH of an Army troop carrier plane in Tokyo killed 23 of 29 persons, two minutes after the take off from Itami Airbase near Osaka on a flight from Tokyo to Fukuoka on Kyushu Island. The plane was a C-46 transport operated by the 317th Troop Carrier Group. Names of victims were withheld.

Britain Demands Albania 'Apologize'

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Great Britain today accused Albania of an attack against her warships by knowledge of a deliberately laid minefield in the Corfu Channel and in an ultimatum demanded an apology within 14 days or action before the United Nations Security Council.

GREEK PREMIER HERE BEING PICKETED TODAY

A protest demonstration will take place today (Wednesday) against the Greek Premier, Constantin Tsaldaris, to protest the terror in Greece, the American Council for a Democratic Greece announced yesterday. New York trade unions and organizations will participate in a picket line before the Greek premier's hotel, the Plaza, 59th Street west of 5th Ave., between 5 and 7 p. m.

"Despite the opposition of Greek rightist parliamentary figures, including Messrs. Canellopoulos, Papandreu and Venizelos, the Greek premier has come to the United Nations, accusing 'outside forces' of responsibility for a civil war which has resulted from his own fascistic and terrorist policies," a Council statement declared. "Not only have American correspondents and observers declared there is not an iota of proof to support these charges, but even the premier's own Parliament considers the charges unsubstantiated."

Columbians Confess to Nazi Plot

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 10.—Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook today announced confessions which pictured the Columbians, Inc., as a Nazi-modeled conspiracy to overthrow the government, with the help of arms smuggled from occupied Germany, and a grand jury was asked to investigate the organization.

The confessions were made in New York City Dec. 3 and 4 to Prof. James H. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, according to Cook.

They were signed by James Ralph Childers, 18-year-old wearer of the Columbian "Badge of Honor" for his alleged part in the flogging of

of the Fulton (Atlanta) county Superior Court announced after a long conference with state legal and police authorities that he would ask a grand jury, now in session, to drop all other matters and investigate the Columbians Friday.

LIMITS PROBE

Andrews said the jury at present could only investigate the group for illegal possession of dynamite and will seek indictments on this count.

While Cook was giving newsmen details of the story behind the closed doors of his office, someone visited the reception room of the Governor's office across the hall in the Capitol and plastered the columns with big stickers showing the white-robed figure of a Ku Klux Klansman riding a white horse. The words "Today, Tomorrow, Forever" were splashed white on a red background.

Cook said the grand jury would be asked for additional indictments against Burke and secretary-founder Homer L. Loomis, Jr., former New York playboy, as a result of the confessions by Childers and Waller. Both are already under indictment on charges of usurping police authority.

DESCRIBES TACTICS

Childers, who is under \$1,000 bail for assaulting a Negro, described a meeting of the leaders of the plot where their plans were discussed.

"They were going to start out first against the N-----s. . . They knew, naturally, the white people would fall for it and join up. If we could get the white people zoned off from the N-----s. . . the white people would vote for some Columbian to be Mayor of Atlanta.

"They figured then that the people would have fallen far enough so that they could start controlling them. After he (Loomis) got control of them he would go ahead and run the N-----s out of Atlanta. He said they have enough guns and ammunition to blow them up out of Atlanta. . .

ROAD TO DICTATORSHIP

"They would then organize in other states and keep going like that and finally take over. Of course the N-----s and Jews would just have to be shot at and the Columbians will take over. He said that after they got all the N-----s run out that there would be men in the Columbians who would be the dictators of the U. S. . .

"Naturally the Chinese and all the different nationalities would have to be run out too. The people who were Columbians who didn't want to go under our rules, naturally would be shot out."

Waller and Childers quoted Loomis as saying:

"Only a darned fool would believe in the Bible and its teachings and nothing but a darned fool would say that Hitler done wrong."

Loomis added, however, that he wouldn't bring up his hatred of Christianity until he had the people "convinced and all the N-----s and Jews are run out." Loomis kept a library of about 50 copies of Nazi "doctrine books," and pictures of Hitler and other mementoes, including a medal with a swastika, the confession revealed.

Oust Bilbo Meeting To Be Held Tonight

James Waterman Wise and other notables will attend a mass meeting to oust Bilbo at Lechem Anelem Hall, 750 Allerton Ave., tonight (Wednesday), the Williamsbridge Chapter of the American Jewish Congress announced yesterday.

Rally Will Help Oust Franco, Says Williamson



Behind Franco prison walls, this Spaniard awaits liberation.

By filling Madison Square Garden Monday, Dec. 16, at the "Salute to Spanish Republicans" rally, New Yorkers will be able to tell the world that the action of U. S. representatives in the United Nations does not represent American thought, John Williamson, labor secretary of the Communist Party, said yesterday.

Williamson said Sen. Tom Connally, U. S. delegate, "to our shame as Americans, lined up with Great Britain in opposing two motions that were carried by two-to-one majorities in the UN Political and Security Committee."

"The first was a recommendation that all the United Nations

break diplomatic relations with the fascist regime of Franco. The second was a recommendation that UN members cease importing food-stuffs from Franco Spain, where people are starving."

Williamson said a broad turnout at the Garden meet would "extend a firm handshake of solidarity with the workers of Spain."

Calls for All-Out War to Wipe Out Insects

RICHMOND, Dec. 10.—Total war of extermination against whole species of insect pests was demanded at a meeting of scientists here by Dr. Clay Lyle of Mississippi State College.

With such weapons as DDT and Benzene Hexachloride in our hands, and even more potent ones now being forged, it should be possible not merely to control or abate them but to wipe them out entirely, he declared. Dr. Lyle's address, in which he reversed the

defensive and even defeatist line long held by many entomologists, and sounded the call to counter-attack, was delivered before the joint meeting of the American Association of Economic Entomologists, of which he is retiring president, and the Entomological Society of America.

Dr. Lyle pointed out the cattle fever tick has been virtually exterminated in the continental United States, after a one-year "blitz" against the Mediterranean

fruit fly in Florida.

Dr. Lyle picked out the housefly as the most vulnerable of our present widespread pests.

Bill of Rights Day Set for Dec. 15

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—President Truman today designated Dec. 15 as Bill of Rights Day. The date marks the 155th anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights.



HOMER M. LOOMIS Jr. (left), former New York playboy and secretary-founder of Columbians, Inc., is shown in the lineup after his arrest for an assault on the home of a Negro in Atlanta.

a Negro, and Lanier Waller, 21. Both were immediately banished from the Columbians as soon as word of what they had done had been made public.

Childers and Waller were coaxed into their confessions by Renee Forrest, who came here from New York in the role of a fascist agent.

Actually, she was an agent of the Anti-Nazi League, sent here to pry out the secrets of the Columbians. She was helped by Mario Buzzi, an Italian.

Miss Forrest obtained a job as secretary in the rickety second floor office of the Columbians in a small hotel. Then she began working on Childers and Waller, and won their confidence and persuaded them to go to New York with her and tell their story.

FIND DYNAMITE

Cook, who has been waging a legal battle to stamp out the Order that rose up in Atlanta to fight Negroes and Jews, called in newsmen and showed them the confessions. Cook also displayed a case of dynamite he said, was seized on the property of one of the 15 Columbian founders.

The confessions also implicated leaders of the Columbians in plots to dynamite and burn Negro houses. They told of orders being given to administer floggings to Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution and to Dan Duke, fiery assistant prosecutor in Cook's office who flattened Columbian president Emory Burke a few weeks ago in an Atlanta courtroom with a right to the jaw.

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NEW YORK



Actress Marian Sontag, 270 S. Third St., Brooklyn, has sold 31 subs since the drive opened Sunday. Marian talks to people wherever she goes — in the subway, in restaurants — tells them about the Daily Worker and gets them to take a sub. Her grocer, her druggist and her doctor have already bought subscriptions. She is a member of the Lincoln branch of the Communist Party.

REHABILITATE 7 EAST HARLEM BUILDINGS FOR RELOCATION

Rehabilitation of seven boarded-up buildings in East Harlem by the New York City Housing Authority started yesterday, it was announced by Edmond B. Butler, Authority Chairman.

City CIO Backs Insurance Plan

The greatest problem facing the American people today, "next to maintaining the peace and heading off the onrush of another depression," is how to organize a more equitable distribution of medical care, Saul Mills, City CIO secretary told Physicians Forum last night.

In endorsing the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, on behalf of the CIO, Mills said the New York trade union movement is "firmly committed to support of the voluntary program which the plan represents."

Mills spoke with Dr. Dean A. Clark, medical director, Health Insurance Plan of N. Y.; and Dr. Robert Rothenberg, director, Central Medical Group of Brooklyn, at the Academy of Medicine, 2 E. 103d St.

Mills said the CIO's support from the local plan did not detract from its endorsement of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell federal health bill, which, he said, "would cover the entire nation."

Money for the rehabilitation came from a \$6,000,000 program recently approved to provide housing for families who must be moved off the sites of State-aided permanent low-cost housing projects, Butler stated.

The seven houses will be used primarily for families to be displaced from the site of Amsterdam Houses, a project located between West 61st and 64th Streets. They will provide 118 apartments, and should be ready in 90 days, said Butler.

Also on the Authority's program are rehabilitation of 11 boarded-up buildings for families living on the Lillian Wald Houses site in the lower East Side; 30 buildings for families in the Gowanus Houses site in Brooklyn; and 32 buildings for those on the Morrisania Houses in the Bronx.

Sues for Soldier's Govt. Insurance

CLEVELAND, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Lucy A. Payne, 25, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, today filed suit in Federal Court to collect the \$10,000 government insurance her husband left to his father. Mrs. Payne contended her husband, Pfc. Carl Payne, had indicated in letters to her he intended to name her beneficiary, but that he was killed in the Battle of the Bulge before he did so.

Asks Tax on Landlords Who Withhold Homes

A resolution proposing a tax on landlords for every vacant apartment deliberately withheld from tenants after 60 days is asked in a resolution introduced in the City Council. The move, initiated by American Labor Party Councilman Eugene P. Connolly, was sent to the City Affairs Committee.

Connolly seeks to levy a tax—actually it would be a city-imposed fine—on landlords who refuse to rent apartments. The resolution aims to prevent local realty interests from following the forced-vacancy policy of Texas landlords.

The tax is also aimed at forcing rehabilitation of boarded-up homes, opening up Fifth Ave. mansions and

making large duplex apartments available for additional tenants.

With Councilman Michael J. Quill, Connolly also urged on the council a police department provision to make restricted parking areas available to amputees and partly paralyzed veterans.

The proposal was referred to the city affairs committee. Another

resolution sent to this committee, sponsored by Councilman Michael J. Quill, calls for immediate traffic lights and safety precautions against hazards in the Parkchester housing development.

The Council sent to the Rules Committee similar resolutions, one by the majority and the other by Connolly, requesting President Truman, Gov. Dewey and Mayor O'Dwyer to designate the birthday of Franklin D. Roosevelt as a national, state and city holiday.

An amendment to the administrative code of the city permitting pension rights for civil service employees who served in the armed forces to be retroactive was unanimously adopted.

CP Gives \$500 to Sydenham Campaign

The New York State Board of the Communist Party today joined thousands of New Yorkers in contributing to the "Save Our Sydenham" campaign with a check for \$500.

The hospital, the only interracial voluntary institution of its kind in the United States, is desperately in need of \$300,000 to keep the doors open and continue to service the 500,000 citizens of this community of West Harlem.

The total amount raised today is less than \$100,000. Three times that amount is immediately needed to guarantee the people of Harlem a hospital with full facilities and ambulance service.

In a letter to William G. Lord, treasurer of the hospital, Robert Thompson, chairman of the New York State Board, stated he was confident that a total of \$300,000 will be raised by direct appeal.

Thompson's letter to Lord read: Upon report and motion of Councilman Benjamin J. Davis the State Board of the Communist Party has voted to donate \$500 to the drive to keep Sydenham Hospital open. Enclosed find check for that amount.

We are acutely conscious of the fact that our donation represents only one percent of the sum immediately required by Sydenham Hospital. We are confident, however, that the other 99 percent, as well as the total of \$300,000 ultimately required, will be raised by your direct appeal to the community.

In our judgement your confidence in going not only to a few wealthy philanthropists but to the great masses of the people and, in the first instance, to the organized labor movement, is well-merited. Labor and all other democratic-minded people see in Sydenham Hospital's interracial policy a symbol of the democracy for which all progressive Americans, Negro and white, fight. We are of course aware that one small hospital with a good policy is by no means a solution to the medical needs of our great community. For this passage of legislation like the Wagner-Murray-Dingell health bill and a vigorous fight to wipe out the abominable Jimcrow system throughout public and private hospitals are needed.

ate hospitals are needed.

It is precisely to help carry on such a fight that the existence of Sydenham must be assured.

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Why They Warmed to Lewis

by Max Gordon

AT FIRST SIGHT it may seem puzzling that Big Business organs like the Herald Tribune and topflight financial moguls like Cyrus Eaton should embrace John L. Lewis as a "brilliant statesman."

After all, did not Lewis just challenge the magnates of finance and industry in the battle for higher wages? Did he not threaten to paralyze all industry in this battle? Why, then, do those who scream for legislation to shackle labor take him to their bosoms?



THE ANSWER has several facets, some connected directly with the recent strike and others associated with the part Lewis plays in the nation's political life. My guess is Lewis made his bold bid for wage increases for the miners when he did partly to take the play away from the CIO, and partly to place the entire burden of dealing with the situation on the Truman Administration.

Had he acted after the Republican-controlled Congress went into session early in January, he would have put the GOP on the spot. It could not go along with him without destroying the whole anti-strike propaganda structure which it had built up as the base of its appeal to the non-union, non-workingclass sections of the population. And it would not want to oppose him since he is the labor leader most closely associated with top Hooverite GOP circles in the country.

Lewis' bid depended upon a quick victory. Once the struggle was prolonged, he could not continue it without coming into collision with some of the top GOP and financial leaders who are close to him. The international position of American finance capital was beginning to suffer severely as a result of the strike. And it must be remembered that Lewis has been closely associated with the foreign policies of some of the most aggressive groups of American financial capital.

THERE IS PLENTY of evidence that some of these international financiers made efforts to settle the strike from the start, and falling that, prevailed on Lewis to throw in the sponge. Cyrus Eaton, midwest financial giant and organizer of six major steel and iron corporations, as well as of sev-

eral utilities, was particularly active in trying to help Lewis, and the strike first on the mine leader's terms, and then on any or no terms.

As a result of his tactic of putting the entire responsibility for handling the mine strike situation on the Truman Administration, Lewis, though he lost the strike, is in a position to salvage a political victory for himself and his reactionary GOP pals, or so he figures.

He hopes to be able to do now what he has failed to do all these years; namely, to take the miners with him into the Republican Party. During the strike, he constantly made a point of denouncing "this Democratic Administration," thereby laying the groundwork for getting the miners to move in the same direction as the railway workers this fall, following Truman's breaking of their strike.

THERE IS NO question of Truman's responsibility for the mine situation.

But there is also no question that he has been bolstered in his anti-labor attitude by the GOP victory in the congressional elections, a victory Lewis himself played no small part in securing.

No long argumentation is needed to establish this point. That blunt Tory Republican spokesman, Mark Sullivan, gave the show away in a recent Herald Tribune column.

The mine strike, he said, is "the final phase of an era that is ended. What brought the end was protest by the people expressed in the election last November. The election was the basic landmark, and the Administration's resistance to Mr. Lewis symbolizes it."

I DON'T AGREE entirely with Sullivan's interpretation of the election results. But the point is that Truman does, and is influenced accordingly.

If Lewis is not to succeed this time in taking the miners into the GOP camp, a real alternative to Truman must be set up for 1948. The most effective alternative would be a third party ticket, with labor as the backbone. Certainly, it is either that or a victory for the anti-Truman, the Wallace-Pepper wing, of the Democratic Party in the fight for leadership of that party.



Not of Her Parents' Blood: Diane Seavey, nine days old, and with a brand new blood supply, is shown in the arms of her mother, Mrs. Murray Seavey of Wakefield, Mass., after being released by the Boston Children's Hospital. Diane was one of those babies whose blood, RH positive, is poisoned by the mother's blood, RH negative. Such babies have always died within three days of birth, but doctors saved Diane and other doomed children by draining the entire blood supply and replacing it with RH negative blood.



"Copies of Mr. Wigler's tirade may be obtained by tearing the headline off today's Journal and mailing it with 10 cents to this station."

Seaman's Notebook

REVISITING A HOT SPOT

By Herb Tank

AT SEA

WE HUGGED THE coastline of North Africa. "This ship," said the Spaniard, "she make more stops than the Seventh Ave. Local." It was true. First Oran. We were just there overnight to take the

locomotives from our decks. Then Casablanca and back to Oran once again. From Oran we moved along the coast to Algiers. Now we are on our way moving further along the coast to Tunis. We are not certain yet where we are going after Tunis. However, I have it from unusually reliable sources, the Chief Cook, that we are going to pick up homeward bound cargo in Lisbon.



The weather was pleasant, and we had our coffee out on deck by number four hatch. The coast looked rugged and with the sun on it the hills and cliffs took on a rusty color.

"I wonder how it would be swimming from here to shore?" someone asked.

"I can remember," said the bos'un, "looking at that beach and wondering when I was going to have to swim."

"I do too," I said. Two times I caught hell right around that part of the Mediterranean. One time was in 1943, the other in '44. Both times the Nazis bombed convoys I was in. The time in '44 they came at us with torpedo planes.

IT WAS LATE afternoon, and they flew low over the water, the sun, directly behind them. You could hardly see them. The attack didn't last long, but they did considerable damage. The troop ship Santa Helena got it that trip. Some other big ones, too, a Dutchman and an English ship I think. The planes were hardly gone and the Nazi radio began crowing about all the ships they sunk that day in the attack.

One thing about the Fascists, they never waste any time bragging about victories. In '42 I remember the Nazi radio used to have a program in the evening with a ship's bell. The announcer claimed that every ring of the bell meant an Allied ship sunk on that day. We used to sit there and count the bells with a kind of morbid curiosity. One night the

announcer said that they had sunk so many allied ships they wouldn't even bother ringing the bells that night. It would take too long.

THE MEDITERRANEAN in wartime was the main topic of discussion during coffee-time. Most of the crew had caught hell here at sometime or other during the war. Somehow the stories made me think of the waiter in the sidewalk cafe in Algiers. The place wasn't very crowded and we were drinking wine and watching the people go by.

The waiter spoke a little English and when he wasn't busy he came over to the table to talk politics. He was curious about the American elections. Finally he shook his head sadly. "There are so many fascists still left in the world. In America, in many places. In France, too."

In Algiers they vote along with France. There were signs of the recent elections plastered all over the walls of the city: colorful posters as well as slogans smeared on walls and sidewalks. I asked the waiter what his own politics were. He said that he was an old Socialist, but he believed in unity of the parties of socialism, unity of the working class parties. In the last election he had voted Communist. "The members of the Socialist Party of France," he said, "the regular ordinary members, you understand, like me, they desire unity." He winked, "and especially they desire socialism."

"And hate fascism," I added.

"Yes," he said, "and hate those who would make another war."

WORTH REPEATING

"Who are those men who suck all the wealth from the body of America? Mere nobodies, in fact. They don't really do anything. Nothing really comes out of them except the collection of money and more money for their families and groups. They do not invent anything—in fact, they spend a great deal of their efforts seeing to it that the inventions of others should not see the light of day, while the inventors are never heard of. A young research physicist says of the attempt to break the atom and create a new source of energy: 'If such energy were harnessed it would not be used until after all the coal and oil in the world were gone, for it would disrupt the economic setup.'"

—Theodore Dreiser—"America Is Worth Saving."

Sun, News and, Mirror Pleased By Acheson

THE SUN endorses the "submit or starve" program of the State Department in regard to world relief as laid down by Under Secretary of State Acheson. The Sun says relief money in 1947 from the U. S. will go "to those who can demonstrate their need and who can guarantee that it will not be used to feed their political supporters and starve their political opponents," quoting Acheson. Translation: Relief will go to the people of those countries whose governments will bow to Wall Street.

THE DAILY NEWS goes along, as expected, with the "submit or starve" relief program.

THE DAILY MIRROR admits Acheson endorses "playing politics with food," and likes it.

THE HERALD TRIBUNE admits the United States has used international relief as a political weapon against nations which may not agree with current State Department policy. "The tone of Mr. Acheson's address, indeed, tended rather to confirm that charge," the Trib says. The Trib picks up a charge which has frequently been made: "... is the United States planning simply to aid its friends and withhold aid from those it mistrusts? Then this country is using relief for political purposes, and it might as well say so." Acheson, it seems, was blunt, no one could misunderstand the "bi-partisan" motives currently being employed in relief.

THE TIMES gives better than a full editorial column to its dismay that labor unity may soon become a realization. It doesn't like the recent action of the CIO's "Big Three"—Auto, Electrical and Steel—in planning a joint program of wage demands and strategy. The Times had hoped labor felt crushed after the mine injunction, but finds it was wrong as it notes of the leaders of the "Big Three"—"To them the end of the strike was merely the go-ahead signal for a new campaign for general wage increases for their 2,000,000 members." The half-worthless dollar and still-rising prices do not have effect on the Times' reasoning—when it reasons for workers.

THE POST compliments the United Nations' General Assembly for refusing to submit to Great Britain's attempts, with the U. S. tacitly agreeing, to sidetrack condemnation of Jimcrow against Indians in the Union of South Africa. "This is an important precedent," says the Post. "It means, to quote Mr. Gromyko, that members of the UN are bound not to violate human rights." Then the Post can't resist a sideswipe at Gromyko: "We remind all concerned, Gromyko included, that this just sword can cut many ways. Let all enemies of civil liberties beware." Socialist countries need no lessons in liberty from lands where economic and social equality are still to be won.

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Our War Dead Dishonored

USING your name, Mr. and Mrs. America, the U.S. delegation in the United Nations voted for Hitler's war-time partner—Franco.

By a tie vote, with the British and U.S. delegations voting against a diplomatic break, the UN political and security committee defeated a proposal to stop giving political support to the man who converted Spain into a vast prison.



Even on a proposal to recall all ambassadors from Spain, America's voice was joined with the Iranian feudal barons, Argentine fascists, the Greek monarchy and the Turkish dictatorship against the majority of mankind which voted for this measure.

With all the florid oratory of a Senate filibuster, Sen. Tom Connally of Texas said we must not intervene in another country. What a terrible deception!

The issue before the United Nations is to end the shameless political intervention in behalf of Franco.

Connally gave some free advice to the people of Spain, to get rid of Franco. But he insists on sending Franco the trucks, the fuel and other supplies with which to suppress the Spanish people.

Our nation, which lost 300,000 men in the war against the Axis, is cast in the role of savior of the last surviving Axis member.

But America has not forgotten the appeasement of fascism that led to Pearl Harbor. Connally's voice is not the voice of the people. The authentic sound of America's voice will be heard in Madison Square Garden next Monday, where a "Salute to Spanish Republicans" will be the occasion to save the honor of America.

Hotel Tragedies

THE terrible fire that gutted the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta, Ga., and killed 119 people can be added to the long list of horrors caused by capitalist greed. Advertised as fireproof, the hotel was, in fact, nothing more than a gigantic chimney, and the people trapped inside it never had a chance.

When the Lasalle Hotel burned several months ago in Chicago, resulting in the death of 61 people, it seemed from comment in the nation's press that everyone was horrified. Everyone, it turns out now, but the hotel owners. The hotel owners find it cheaper to risk fires than to make hotels fireproof. After all, it's not they who burn to death.

The Press Is Worried

THE profit-hungry press, having settled with the miners, has lost no time in gunning for the CIO, which is getting set to introduce its own demands for wage increases.

In the face of the greatest flood of profits the country has ever seen, the kept press has the gall to insist that wage increases cannot be granted without prices going up to make up for it.

Behind its argument is the theory that the living standards of the working class must be constantly driven downward. As soon as workers gain a little more to live on, prices have to go up to take care of that little more.

The only way to avoid inflation, according to this theory of the capitalist press, is to keep money away from the people.

We doubt that the workers will accept that theory.

We're Studying the Replies

OUR readers have probably been wondering when we would announce the results of the questionnaire we published on improving the Daily Worker. The fact is the replies poured in at an unexpected rate and are still arriving every day. It is taking considerable work to go through them. As soon as the survey is completed—which we hope will be soon—we shall report back to our readers.



Letters From Our Readers

Wants More
"Herb Tanks"

Spring Valley, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In our house, we always leave Herb Tank's column until the last article to be read because we consider it such a treat. In simple, moving terms and still within pure Marxist educational lines, he tells us about seamen and their problems in a way which seems to bring us so close to the men who sail our ships that we almost feel we could sit down and talk with them as with old friends.

Even though we are not all writers, I believe that "Letters from Our Readers" of the Herb Tank type would be of great interest to most of us. In reading short reports from people in all walks of life—teachers, workers, housewives, etc.—we would develop and strengthen our working class solidarity, and realize that the economic and social problems of one group of people really is tied up with and therefore of great concern to all other groups of people.

M. E.

Stories Needed
On Labor Leaders

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

My compliments to Herb Tank's column about Jack London. Its just what the DW needs—a daily column on America's labor leaders. Our country is rich with stories of outstanding and devoted figures which would be a tremendous lesson to all of the new people entering the progressive and Communist movement.

The stories of Big Bill Haywood, Gurley Flynn, Bob Minor, Foster, the Wobblies' free speech fights, the working class press and, not the least, the Communist Party campaigns and victories. Let us make our press alive with our working class history.

SAM SCHULTZ.

Zola's Picture
Of a Mining Town

Alexandria, Va.

Editor, Daily Worker:

No better picture of a mining town has ever been presented than that in Emile Zola's *Germinal*. It has the whole story—armed intervention in the strike, the growth of the Second International and the negative role of the anarchists. Its use of large groups of workers as central characters is done with realism.

V. I.

VENEZUELA COMMUNISTS END INTERNAL DIVISION

By Joseph Starobin

CARACAS, Venezuela.

VENEZUELA'S COMMUNISTS HAVE just completed the historic job of re-uniting their divided forces, after a six-day convention which has been watched with the greatest interest in all democratic circles.

For the first time in three years, there is one Venezuelan party united around a common program and a single leadership, which is pledged to maintain the unity of the party at all costs.



A new central committee has been elected, consisting of twenty-five members, of whom 15 are workers, four are peasants, two employees and four intellectuals.

WITHIN A POLITICAL bureau of nine members, there is a new secretariat of three, including the two Communist representatives to the Venezuela's Constituent Assembly, Juan Bautista Fuenmayor and Gustavo Machado. An oil workers leader, Luis Emilio Arrieta is the third secretariat member.

The Venezuelan Communists have been badly divided over many years, as a result of the difficulties of illegal work from 1924 to 1941, the poor contact between the intellectuals, many of whom were in a long, heroic exile and the new workingclass forces growing up at home. On top of this, there have been strong anarcho-syndicalist tendencies among some of the workingclass elements, and a strong penetration of Browderist ideas and practices.

In 1944, this situation resulted in the breakup of the party's formal unity. Three separate groups emerged. The first was led by Fuenmayor and Ricardo Martinez, and called itself the Communist Party of Venezuela.

A second group was led by the two Machado brothers, the famous Gustavo, and Eduardo, plus Rodolpho Quintero and Luis Miquelena. The latter is a prominent figure among the Caracas transport workers. This faction called itself the Communist Unity Party of Venezuela.

A third faction called itself the "Grupo NO," and consisted mostly of prominent professionals and intellectuals.

WITH THE FRATERNAL help of the Cuban Communists, all

these groups were persuaded last July to elect an organizing committee for a Unity Congress. From then until Nov. 28 a rigorous discussion of the issues has taken place in every party branch throughout the country. One facet of this unity trend was the decision of Ricardo A. Martinez to leave Venezuela last August and make his home in Mexico.

Unity committees were formed in 20 of Venezuela's twenty-two states. The unity process had proceeded so well that by mid-October, when the first real elections in history were scheduled for a new Constituent Assembly, it was possible to put forth a unity slate.

The Communists gained 52,000 votes in the elections out of a million and a third. More than a million went to the Accion Democratica which is the formation that backed Romulo Betancourt's revolution against the former president, Isaias Medina Angarita in October, 1945. The reactionary coalition, known as Copei, got 200,000 votes, and a fourth pro-democratic group known as the URD (Union Republicano Democrático) gained 55,000.

But the Communist vote was considered very good, in view of the fact that there had never been elections in Venezuela before, and the party itself had been divided.

THE PARTY HAS 16,000-20,000 members today. They are well distributed in the country as a whole, with a large bulk in the important oil state of Zulia, where Lake Maracaibo is situated. According to Gustavo Machado, the vote of 16,000 in Caracas alone was very good.

The unity convention did not have smooth sailing. On the first vote 130 delegates supported the organizing committee while 70 were opposed. On the last vote, the ratio changed to 170 against 30.

Although all former "left" and "right" leaders are today in the Party, it would seem that small groups around Rodolpho Quintero and Luis Miquelena may need time to adjust themselves fully to the new situation.

But the watchword on every tongue is "unity."

Attlee Dodges Queries On U. S. Arms Deal

Prime Minister Clement Attlee dodged questions in Commons yesterday about secret Anglo-American negotiations for a military alliance. Attlee refused to be drawn out on progress of U.S.-British talks for standardization of arms, training methods, exchange of officers and joint use of naval and air bases throughout the world.

The question of Anglo-American arms talks was reopened by Laborite Konni Zilliacus, who has charged the conversations are leading Britain into a military entente with the United States against Russia.

Zilliacus and other rebel Laborites succeeded last night in getting a unanimous vote at a closed meeting of the Parliamentary Labor Party external affairs committee to ask the government privately for full information on the nature and scope of the conversations, according to United Press.

In Commons yesterday, Attlee attempted to evade further discussion of the military talks. He referred questioners to the denial yesterday by Lord President of the Council Herbert Morrison that any decisions on standardization had been reached.

There was no denial that a military alliance was being established.

Zilliacus pressed Attlee to reply to his question whether standardization of training manuals, officer exchange and joint use of bases was contemplated. Refusing to answer, Attlee instead assailed Zilliacus for "causing apprehension" with his questions.

Ronald Chamberlain, Laborite, asked Attlee whether Britain was having parallel conversations with Russia, in view of the 20-year Anglo-Soviet treaty. Attlee said no, but declared he would welcome such talks.

TOMMIES LEAVE TROOPSHIP IN PROTEST AT CONDITIONS

LIVERPOOL, England, Dec. 10.—Sailing of the troopship Empress of Scotland for Japan was delayed this afternoon when British Tommies crept off the former liner by emergency doors and mooring ropes in protest against living conditions aboard the ship.

The trouble began last night when 300 of 2,703 troops aboard walked down gangplanks to the dock and

spent the night ashore before officers promised them better washing facilities and drinking water. After they returned, the gangplanks were taken in.

Today 150 men opened an emergency door and escaped to the pier by sliding down a baggage chute. Officers persuaded them to return, but then six more soldiers slid down a mooring rope, and sailing was delayed.

U.S. Laborites Contribute to New Warsaw Trade Union Center

The erection of a trade union center in Warsaw, Poland, was announced yesterday in a cabled dispatch released by the local office of the American Jewish Labor Council. Five million zloty was contributed by the European delegation of the Council and the International Fur and Leather Workers Union, for the center.

A wing of the new labor structure will be named in honor of the AJLC.

The trade union delegation also

cabled it had placed a wreath on the grave of the noted Jewish author, I. L. Peretz. Wreaths were also placed on the mass graves of thousands of Jewish dead in the Warsaw ghetto. The trade union delegates are now visiting various Jewish communities in Poland, after having been in France, Belgium, Italy and Czechoslovakia.

The delegation is expected back in the United States Jan. 2. Plans for an initial reception for the delegates Jan. 3, at Cooper Union, were announced by the AJLC.

AYD Adopts 'FDR Program'

Declaring that America's young people must go forward "in the spirit of the inspiring and meaningful heritage of Franklin Delano Roosevelt," the National Council of American Youth for Democracy concluded its two-day meeting in Detroit last weekend by adopting a 1947 program to meet the needs and welfare of the nation's youth.

The AYD Council, representing hundreds of clubs in 17 states and the District of Columbia, heard a report by Herbert Signer, AYD executive secretary in which he traced the youth organization's growth to its present membership of 14,000.

An outstanding feature of the organization's work, Signer said,

was its fight for equal rights for Negro youth.

The council voted to publish an AYD magazine, beginning next March.

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ILG Members Favor Murray Unity Plea

The executive board of Local 66, AFL Ladies Garment Workers, yesterday had before it a resolution urging that the AFL accept CIO president Philip Murray's appeal for joint labor action.

The resolution was greeted warmly at a local membership meeting Monday night, and was referred to the executive. It was not opposed by local president Zachary Friedman.

Introduction of the resolution came after a report by president Friedman which cited growing reactionary attacks against labor. Business agent George Treisman declared that the resolution "sounds good" to him but felt that it might need minor editing by the executive board.

The motion called on ILG president David Dubinsky "to use his influence to see that the leadership of the AFL respond to the call of

Philip Murray for a joint conference to plan for joint action in defense of our living standards, our social and political gains." It requested that the AFL Central Trades here be urged to work with the CIO "along similar lines."

Murray's appeal for a conference to plan united action came during last week's coal strike crisis.

Gifts for Miners' Kids

The coal miners' return to work will not affect the decision of the International Workers Order and its nationality group societies to raise a fund for Christmas gifts to the children of IWO miners in the areas affected by the recent stoppage.

Bronx Rally on Bilbo

The American Veterans Committee and UNAVA neighborhood chapters will hold an Oust Bilbo meeting at Bronx House, 1637 Westchester Ave. (near 172 St.), Friday at 8:30 p.m., it was announced yesterday. Leo Isacson, the Rev. Edward McGowan, Oliver Martin and Chester Addison will speak.

ILLEGITIMATE SON WILL CLAIM \$360,000 ESTATE

Harold A. Segur, 58-year-old Worcester, Mass., clerk, was granted permission yesterday to withdraw his waiver of rights to the \$360,000 estate of a Park Ave. widow and seek to establish himself as her illegitimate son and heir.

Segur's attorney told Surrogate William T. Collins that Segur, father of four children, signed the waiver five days after the death of Mrs. Mabel Seymour Greer to avoid publicity about his illegitimacy.

Collins yesterday gave Segur two weeks in which to file objections to

Mrs. Greer's will, which did not mention him and which left the bulk of her estate to charitable organizations.

Raymond T. Armbruster, attorney for Mrs. Greer, learned from her last June that she had given birth to a son out of wedlock in her teens. She died Aug. 10.

Segur said Armbruster came to his Worcester home and told him he was the illegitimate son of Mrs. Greer and the late Dr. William Blossom Segur, Massachusetts physician, who later adopted him.

ICC, NCPAC Talk Merger

A joint convention of the National Citizens Political Action Committee and the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions will be held at the Hotel Commodore here Dec. 28-29 to consider a merger of the two organizations, it was announced yesterday.

Subcommittee of NCPAC and ICCAP have been meeting for the past month to study the possibilities for a new organization of independents, Dr. Frank Kingdon and Jo Davidson, heads of the respective groups, revealed. Many local independent bodies may join, they said.

Speaking for the subcommittee, Kingdon and Davidson declared:

"The creation of a new organization is being considered at this time because of our deep conviction that the country needs the strongest possible citizen movement to articulate the needs of the American people. The independent progressives must close ranks if the principles of democracy are to be translated into constructive national policy. The consolidation of independent forces is especially important today to initiate the political machinery necessary for progressive victory in the '48 elections."

Farewell Party For Yugoslavs

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Stanoje Simic, Yugoslav Foreign Minister, and Dr. Ales Bekler, Deputy Foreign Minister, will speak at a meeting tomorrow evening (Thursday) at Manhattan Center that will bid farewell to the Yugoslav UN delegation and convey greetings to their people, it was announced by the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief.

The meeting in addition to hearing other members of the Yugoslav UN delegation, lists Albert E. Kahn, Dr. John A. Kingsbury and the Reverend Jack R. McMichael as speakers.

Entertainment with a folk theme will be furnished by the Radischev Dancers and two Yugoslav singing societies.

Deaths

WE mourn our loss, KUPEL BRILLIANT, died Dec. 9, 1946. Funeral Services, Gramercy Park Memorial Chapel, Second Ave. and 10th St., N. Y. C., Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.

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On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

THERE WAS a guy from Indiana in my outfit. One afternoon in a lovely place called Bougainville, where it rains even more frequently than in Pasadena, California, we were on sack duty in our tent. The whole South Pacific Ocean was hammering insistently at the roof of our sturdy canvas home and we were talking about the U.S. Not that we expected to be returning to the U.S. very soon—it was the time of the war when we honestly thought we might be doomed for four years, five years, maybe ten, what the hell nobody ever got rotated out of the Pacific except colonels, and that was a fact. But we talked about the U.S. anyhow.

There was nothing specially spectacular in that one conversation out of 10,000, but it hit me yesterday just as one of those new Fifth Ave. buses almost hit me.

"Always wanted to visit New York, Rod," my friend from Indiana said that day. "You're going to have to show me some of those things you're talking about when me and the missus come in after the war."

Now one of the big items I was going to show Mr. and Mrs. Indiana when they came in was that wonderful ride on the open deck of a Fifth Avenue bus. We were going to start right at the beginning, down at Washington Square, grab a couple of front seats, light a couple of cigars big enough to last all the way to Fort Tryon Park and roll out through the Arch, up the lower end of Fifth Avenue, past the phony sidewalk cafes, past the twin lions at the 42nd St. library, the fancy shopping windows that his wife would probably like, west on 72d St. to Riverside Drive and on serenely up past Grant's Tomb and over the viaduct with the Hudson to the left, the upper skyline of Manhattan to the right and the George Washington Bridge hanging out across the sky ahead of us.

A 40-Cent Date

When I told Indiana about that he thought it sounded like a hell of a ten cents worth. I told him that it wasn't one of those things in New York that only out-of-towners do, that it was a traditionally cheap and romantic enough date on a weeknight or even Saturday night for boy and girl without the price of the Paramount. And that every once in a while some New Yorker about to automatically descend the subway steps and start uptown for one reason or another would get an impulse, look at his watch, make tracks for Fifth Avenue, climb to the upper deck, take off his rat, draw a deep breath, look around at his own city in a relaxed way for the first time in months and get to where he was going feeling some better.

Of course, I don't know if Indiana and his wife will ever get to New York. Everybody talked about seeing the country but mighty few get around to it. He's probably spent that money for clothes or had a baby.

It seems surprising so little has been written and said about the passing of such an enjoyable institution. A new generation will hear nostalgic stories about the open air double-deckers but won't really care the way we do. When an old-timer tells me about some of the landmarks of his day, the best I can do is try to share his nostalgia through imagination, but it isn't the same, and he knows it.

The Company and the Union

Maybe I haven't all the facts, but there was something about an arbitration ruling to force the Fifth Avenue Omnibus Co. to employ two men on the double-deckers. They had been trying to save some of their millions and stick it to the driver. The ruling eventually came out in favor of the company, but it was quite a fight and liberal severance pay was won for the second man. Next thing you knew the company put a lot of great big ads in the papers about the new replacing the old, time marching on and all that kind of stuff. The cost of those ads would have made a good start towards the salaries of the men who took the fares all day long and helped passengers on and off.

The new buses coming in are single deckers and they all have roofs. Sure enough, they look more modern and efficient. I don't know if they follow the same route or go along a more businesslike way. I'm surely not going to pay 10 cents to find out.

It seems to me that nobody was complaining about the old double-deckers not being modern and the issue never seemed to come up at all until the company decided to show the men with the green Transport Workers Union, CIO, buttons who was boss—as if they didn't know before.

And if for any reason the old double-deckers had to be replaced by newer buses, why couldn't the very prosperous omnibus company put out new double-deckers?

Could it be that the bus moguls who never mingle with the rabble anyhow just don't give a hoot for what the people might want? That they don't care about killing one of the nicer things in New York so long as those profits add up?

Couldn't something be done about it?

"BUMS' STRETCH DRIVE"

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Sport Contest Editor:

For thrills, drama, action, suspense and excitement, I give you as the outstanding sports event for 1946, the closing weeks of the baseball season and our beloved Bums, the Brooklyn Dodgers. All season long, mastermind Durocher kept them on top of the heap by fielding an assortment of seasoned veterans and untried youngsters and juggling his line up from week to week until the universal cry on the sport pages was "What's keeping them up?" Yet, there they were until those last hectic couple of weeks.

Bill Mardo is ill. "In This Corner" will be resumed when he returns.

Every game was crucial. The lucky fans who saw some of those closing battles came away hump from excitement. Millions followed the goings on on sport pages all over the country. And then the tie and the nerve tingling play off series. Well the human system can take so much and no more. The World Series was anti-climax, and despite the excellent brand of ball played, outside of Boston, it was taken in stride by most of the fans.

In my book, the whole thing was tops in sport thrills, and even if they eventually lost, it was Brooklyn and the Bums that made it all possible. WAIT 'TIL NEXT YEAR!!!

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JACOBS IMPROVED

Boxing promoter Mike Jacobs was "a little better" yesterday but still on the critical list. He recognized Joe Louis when the heavyweight champ visited him at the hospital.

Modern Dance At Labor Gym

Here it is—the modern dance taught in a congenial labor atmosphere without costing you an arm and a leg.

Starting this Thursday, the Labor Sports Federation makes it possible to enjoy this recreation under the skilled direction of dance instructor Georgette Schner.

No tickets will be required this Thursday, a free night for unionists at the Central Needle Trades High School, 24th St. between Seventh and Eighth Ave., 10th floor gymnasium, starting 6:30 p.m.

Says the instructor: "Modern dance gives those who participate in it the experience of physical pleasure in coordination and control of the body which helps every day posture and poise."

Wear sport shorts and shirt or any garments in which you will feel comfortable and be able to move freely. No socks and slippers.

Yes, men, this is for you too.

Scott Beasley and Harold Hayes, the two Nevada U. gridders flying from Hawaii to join the basketball team for last night's game with St. John's, had not arrived at 5:30 p.m., though they were expected momentarily. The delay made it impossible for us to get the promised interview with them on the Hawaii-Nevada football game and a first hand account of how the players felt about Mississippi State's Jimcrow request to Nevada recently.

Need 3 Rets in Modern Game, Says One Who Quits

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Nicholas Edward Kearns, a referee who helped convert the sluggish game of basketball into a breakneck, high-scoring spectator sport, retired at 50 today and said the game is getting too hot for two officials to handle.

Kearns, whose 31 years of whistle-blowing make him the Midwest's longest serving college referee, said basketball speed is "burning out" other referees in their early 30's.

"The answer," he said, "is simple. Just add another official."

Kearns pioneered in the campaign to speed up the game offensively by abolishing the center jump and establishing the three-second pivot slot rule and the 10-second back court rule. He and Sam Barry, Southern California coach, pleaded the case before National Collegiate Athletic Assn. officials and were instrumental in bringing about the changes.

He remembers when basketball games ended in scores of 9 to 7, and 11 to 6—and drew crowds of 300.

"The colleges then were willing to write off basketball as a financial deficit," he said. "Today it draws some 110,000,000 spectators every year. The colleges are making money. Why, you can't buy a ticket for Iowa's games this year. They're all sold out."

"So, the colleges can well afford to hire another official."

Kearns, who has officiated at more than 2,000 games, has been handling Western Conference games since 1919.

"It's almost a physical impossibility for a man of 32 to 35 to keep up with the play in the waning moments of games as they're played today," he said. "The whistle blowers are being run out of gas."

"They have to keep up with fresh players the coaches keep shoving into the game. Suppose a college

sends a four-man relay to run a four-mile track race. Where would you be if you had to run along with each one of the four men?"

A basketball floor has 4,500 square feet, Kearns said. Three officials could cut the court into three parts and each would be responsible for only 1,500 feet, he said.

Long ago, when he first began officiating, Kearns told coaches they couldn't expect bigger salaries until the game was turned into an offensive sport with "more home runs and touchdowns."

Now they've got scores of 82 to 50 and 67 to 44 and he said, it's time the officials got a break.

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The 'Daily' Roundup

Sid's Revenge, Henry's Beef, Kronowitz & Fox

THE CHI BEARS have been installed as early favorites to turn the tables on the Giants Sunday at the Polo Grounds and win the championship of the league. A lot of interest

centers in the return of Sid Luckman. The Brooklyn wonder man had the worst day of his pro career last month when the Giants held the Bears scoreless and intercepted five of his passes, an unprecedented business. The Giants had not beaten the Bears since '39.

There are also well founded rumors that this may be Sid's last appearance as an active player. Sid is turning 30 and his old coach Lou Little would like to add him to the Columbia staff to replace Buff Donelli, who went on to become head coach at Boston University.

HERBIE KRONOWITZ, hard-hitting but none too skillful Coney Island middleweight, won a split decision over Billy Walker at the St. Nicks Monday night after having his foe on the verge of an early knockout... If Herbie learns infighting you'll be seeing him at the Garden. He's a crowd pleaser.

HENRY ARMSTRONG, now a manager, told this corner the other night that his middleweight Roy Miller is good but can't get a break

in New York. Roy holds two KO's over Rueben Shanks, who seems to know more of the right people...

BILLY FOX of Philly hung up his 42nd straight KO Monday stopping Shelton Bell in the 5th. The good-looking Negro socker meets Gus Lesnevich for the light heavy title at the Garden in February. He really has it.

THE KNICKS are at the Armory tonight (25th & Lex) to meet Providence. Ernie Calverly, who followed Stan Stutz of the Knicks at Rhody State and wiped out every one of Stan's scoring records, makes his New York debut as a pro. Four other ex-Rhody's give the visitors that race horse style. Knicks are leading Eastern Division with 13-3. ... L. R.

Yanks Win, Set For A.A. Playoff

By United Press
MIAMI, Dec. 10.—The New York Yankees today began making plans for the All-America Conference championship game against Cleveland on Dec. 22, after winding up their regular season last night with a 31-0 trouncing of the hapless Miami Seahawks.

Performing before a crowd of 7,000 fans, the Eastern Division champions kept the last-placers on the run.

BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

Issue in 'Hecate' Case

The Censorship Threat

By Samuel Sillen

The censors always succeed in making best-sellers. Thanks to their efforts, Edmund Wilson's *Memoirs of Hecate County* has sold more than 50,000 copies. Ordinarily this book would long ago have been happily forgotten. Instead, as *Time* magazine points out this week, a lot of people are hunting copies as zealously as they once hunted steaks.

The Wilson book was used by the Hearst Press and the Legion of Decency as Exhibit A in their campaign against "filthy books." John S. Sumner, executive secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, got a court order against the publishers, Doubleday and Co. Bookshops were raided. And then the book was ruled obscene in a 2 to 1 decision by a Special Sessions Court in New York.

The publishers, fined \$1,000 and forbidden to sell the book, are planning appeals to higher courts. The \$1,000 fine is a joke, of course, for the publicity has been worth much more than that. But the procedure involved in the Hecate case is not a joke. It is a serious threat to free expression.

The Wilson book itself is not the real issue here. *Memoirs of Hecate County* happens to be a dull book and a vicious book. It is vicious not because it deals with sex in a pecking adolescent way, which it does, but because of its decadent attitude toward human beings and human relations. The human and social values of its Trotskyite author are repulsive.

In any healthy court of literary opinion, Wilson's outlook will not find defenders.

But the current crusade against the book does not stem from a higher morality. Hearst and Wilson

are brothers under the skin. Wilson merely expresses in sophisticated terms the morality of the *Journal-American*. Only a difference in style separates their attacks on Communists, the democratic movement in general, the Soviet Union.

Hearst and the Legion of Decency are not really gunning for the Wilsons, who happen to furnish a useful pretext. They are out to establish what they call a "literary czar," a glorified censor at their beck and call. *Memoirs of Hecate County* is a momentary object of attack in a campaign intended to clamp down on all writers and all publishers.

The main issue in this case is therefore not a book which we don't like. The main issue is the character of the campaign in the specific circumstances that obtain in America today. The fascists would like to whip up a book-burning atmosphere. They want to "put writers in their place." Just as Rankin gets after a scientist like Dr. Harlow Shapley or a film artist like Charles Chaplin, so Hearst and his cohorts plan a lynching bee against writers.

The courts have proved themselves notoriously unreliable in passing judgment on books. During the Red-baiting hysteria of 1919, for instance, a long series of political books were banned under "obscenity" status. The present period lends itself to a new wave of repressive and completely distorted judgments. The absence of a jury trial does not help matters.

Every step in the direction of suppressing books needs to be resisted. The problem before us is to develop still further the movement to fight the forces of reaction seeking to black out free expression in the arts. A strong feeling of distaste for the Wilson book should not blind one to the serious threat of which the suppression of *Memoirs of Hecate County* is only one symptom.



BING CROSBY

Film Adds Fuel to Bigotry

By David Platt

Protests against Bing Crosby's pro-fascist film version of *Abie's Irish Rose* are mounting.

A reviewing committee made up of a number of conservative religious groups has condemned it as "the worst sort of caricature of both Jews and Catholics."

Variety, weekly amusement sheet also denounced its distorted characterization of Jews and Irish.

Latest group to lambast the film is Harrison's Reports, a trade paper which speaks for thousands of small, independent movie theaters.

In a scathing front-page editorial titled "A Thoughtless Degradation of Racial Minorities," Harrison's Reports, accuses Bing Crosby of "adding fuel to the fires of race hatred."

The editorial charges Crosby with an "unwitting but unpardonable blunder" in producing *Abie's Irish Rose* particularly in these times "when we are going through difficult days, and when the United States, as the leading nation in the world, is looked to by suffering minority groups in war-torn nations as the one country that is in a position to promote universal peace."

Having caught the film in preview, Harrison's Reports says it agrees "wholeheartedly" with the protestations by the reviewing committee.

"There is no question," it asserts, "that the film's depiction of these (Jewish and Irish-D.P.) racial characterizations is in the worst possible taste."

Properly handled, the trade paper says, the new version of *Abie's Irish Rose* could have been a fine propaganda picture for the teaching of racial tolerance.

In its present form, however, "it will serve only to delight bigots at the expense of minority groups." The paper adds: "What is even more catastrophic is the fact that millions of people in whose minds racial prejudices do not exist may see this picture and be left with the erroneous impression that the film's portrayal of Jews and Irish is based on real life."

The public is in no mood to find comedy in situations that tend to degrade peoples, Harrison's Reports correctly points out, and urges exhibitors who may be planning to show the film to remember that organized protest by radio listeners about a year ago, forced Proctor & Gamble, the soap manufacturers, to drop their sponsorship of *Abie's Irish Rose* as a radio program.

The editorial states that "unfortunately, it seems as if little can be done to stop the distribution of the picture."

But YOUR protests to Bing Crosby Productions, to the Johnston (formerly Hays) office, and to neighborhood theatres will disprove that erroneous conclusion.



Bach and Bartok Works Rendered with Finesse

The New Friends of Music presented its 193rd concert last Sunday, with works of Bach and Bartok. Bach Sonatas for Clavier (Harpsichord) and violin in B minor and E major

were presented with finesse and authority by Kirkpatrick at the harpsichord, and Schneider, violinist. Most exciting performance was nevertheless the String Quartet No. 4 by Bartok, which made up the second half of the program. This was performed with vitality and self-assurance by the Guffet quartet. Modern music like this deserves to be heard more frequently. Ordinarily strange dissonances (to most of our ears) are

used by Bartok in a clearly organized and purposeful manner. Surprising new tonal effects from the modern tonal palette are in his hands attractive, entertaining and meaningful.

ROSEN-THEREMINIST

A Thereminist recital caused a lot of spontaneous conversations at Town Hall Saturday evening. Lucie Bigelow Rosen presented the novelty (there are only a few theremin

players in existence, even though this instrument was invented some 10 years ago by a Russian scientist—Theremin.)

If Miss Rosen's performance is a true gauge of the present possibilities of this instrument, then it should still be labeled as an experiment. The Theremin is an electrical device—looks something like a radio with small antenna—played by waving the hands to and fro in respect to two sensitive areas, one of which controls the pitch, the other the dynamics and phrasing. The sound is something like that of a forlorn sax with a wide range—particularly upwards. Pitches and volume were still so dangerously uncontrollable in last Saturday's program that they frequently provoked laughter from the audience, in spite of a pretentiously serious program. Assisting artists and composers were Carlos Salzedo, the famous harpist, at the piano; the Koutzen Quartet, Bernard Wagenaar, composer, and Robert Bloom, oboist.

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9:00-WNBC—Duffy's Tavern, With Ed Gardner
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WJZ—The Affairs of Ann Scotland
Sketch—Arlene Francis
WCBS—Frank Sinatra, Songs
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Concert Hall
9:05-WAAT (970 Kc.)—Labor News
UE-CIO
9:15-WOR—Real Stories
9:30-WNBC—Mr. District Attorney—Play
WOR—Scramby—Amby—Quiz
WJZ—Pot o' Gold
WCBS—Dinah Shore Show
WMCA—Where Do We Go From Here?—Play
WQXR—Designs in Harmony
9:45-WQXR—Great Names
10:00-WNBC—Frank Morgan Show
WOR—Concert Hour
WJZ—Bing Crosby Show
WCBS—Academy Award—Play
WMCA—News; Footlight Revue
WQXR—News; Opera Preview
10:30-WNBC—Kay Kyser Show
WOR—The Symphonette
WJZ—Henry Morgan Show
WCBS—Information Please
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—Just Music
11:00-WNBC—WOR—News; Music
WCBS—WJZ—News; Music
WMCA—Harlem Amateurs
WQXR—News; Symphonic Hour
11:30-WCBS—Invitation to Music
12:00-WNBC—News; Music
WOR, WCBS—News; Music
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music
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Frank Sinatra, radio and screen star, will serve as chairman and toastmaster at a dinner in honor of Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, to be held Monday evening, Dec. 16 on the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria under the sponsorship of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare.

Generous Helping Of Ham

Murder and death, drama and melodrama, are generously mixed together in the current Capitol offering titled *Undercurrent*.

In it a timid and frightened chemist's daughter (Kathryn Hepburn) innocently marries a villainous industrialist (Robert Mitchum), who to gain possession of a valuable invention, kills his engineer, and cheats his brother (Robert Mitchum) and almost murders the girl.

Of the featured trio, in this unbelievable and at times incredible story, Robert Mitchum is the only one who succeeds in getting any sympathy from the audience. Robert Taylor looks about as murderous and villainous as Mickey Mouse, and Kathryn Hepburn as frightened as the witch in *Snow White*. The only comedy relief in this tedious and involved film is provided by Hepburn who drew titters with her familiar open-mouthed renditions of her lines.

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Page 1 Award For 'Best Years'

The Page One Awards Committee of the Newspaper Guild of New York has voted Sam Goldwyn, Best Years of Our Lives the Page One film of the year.

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GM Head Sounds Call for Open Shop

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—C. E. Wilson, president of General Motors Corp., served notice here tonight that the giant auto trust would refuse to bargain seriously on the wage demands of the CIO United Auto Workers, and would seek instead to provoke a major strike. Speaking before the

Illinois Manufacturers Association, Wilson defended GM's conduct when it forced a 113-day strike by the UAW and demanded the incoming Republican-dominated Congress outlaw industry-wide bargaining and pass more restrictions on labor and the closed shop.

Wilson's address followed closely the line adopted at last week's convention of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York, which was advertised as "liberal."

Coming as it did in the midst of the current meeting of the UAW executive board in New York on wages, Wilson's speech was the first indication of the pattern big business intends to follow in its fight to smash the trade unions.

The technique outlined by Wilson consists of setting up a howl about "union abuses" and issuing statements claiming to be in favor of collective bargaining while in reality refusing to bargain and forcing the unions to strike.

CALL ON CONGRESS

When strikes occur the big trusts then hope to jam anti-labor measures through Congress.

[Wilson's speech confirms repeated reports that the recent \$100,-

000,000 preferred stock issue put out by GM was intended to finance its fight against the UAW. In yesterday's N. Y. Post its financial columnist Sylvia Porter revealed that leading bankers expected GM to take the lead in the anti-labor drive.

[Miss Porter quoted one banker who attended the Investment Bankers Association meeting in Florida last week as saying: "You know Charlie Wilson, GM's head. He's had enough of this and he's ready to fight back. This time there'll be no appeasement of the union."

[Another banker quoted by Miss Porter said: "If anyone is ready to lead the fight it's GM. And Wilson has other big ones in industry to go along with him as long as necessary."

In his speech today Wilson also demanded business taxes be cut, and threatened that if they were not "an extension of the average work week will ultimately be required or a reduced standard of living for the citizens as a whole will result."

Wage Demand Talks Delayed, Reuther Says

Discussion of specific wage demands by the CIO United Auto Workers Executive Board, meeting here, was held over yesterday when a board member departed to face trial in Canada on charges arising from the recent Chrysler strike in Windsor, Ont. Walter Reuther, UAW president, said last night.

Reuther declared "the figure has not yet been set" by the UAW board and that yesterday's meeting heard a report from George Burt, regional director for Canada, who then left for Windsor. Another union spokesman said the board also heard reports on outstanding UAW strikes.

On Monday, Reuther revealed that his report, in addition to recommending specific wage raises,

had proposed an equalization fund for the elimination of industrywide wage differentials and a social security plan, embodying hospital, medical and retirement provisions. The week-long UAW meeting here will be followed by a joint conference in Pittsburgh on Dec. 16 of the CIO's Big Three—Steel, Auto and Electrical. The Pittsburgh conference of Big Three leaders has been called to map joint strategy in the wage struggles looming early in 1947.

Another of the three unions, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, has announced that its general executive board will meet in Pittsburgh Dec. 17 and 18, immediately following the joint conference.

All-Out Attack On Azerbaijan

Iranian troops have launched an attack against Azerbaijan province at four points, driving their main spearhead 20 miles inside the border to threaten the Ghaflankuh mountain citadel of Mianeh which guards the road to Tabriz, United Press reported yesterday.

Premier Ahmad Ghavam es-Sultaneh notified Dr. Salimullah Javid, Governor of Azerbaijan, who was appointed by the Tehran government, that the invasion had started.

Radio Tabriz said government planes were bombing villages around Mahabad and were striking also at factories throughout Azerbaijan.

Radio Tabriz attacked Ghavam as a "servant of American imperialists who wish to make Iran a colony" and broadcast an appeal by Azerbaijan leader Jaafar Pishevari to "close ranks."

Eisler Speaks Tonight

Gerhart Eisler will address a public meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48 St., Manhattan, under the auspices of the German-American, Inc., anti-fascist newspaper.

Drugs Blotted Out His Memory, Caraway Declares on Stand

By John Hudson Jones

MINEOLA, L. I., Nov. 10.—Ward Beecher Caraway today declared "I might have, and then again I might not have," killed Mrs. Marjorie Church Logan. He blamed drugs he had taken the day of the crime for his loss of memory. Caraway, first witness called

by the defense, was calm and clear under the insistent cross-examination of Nassau District Attorney James N. Gehrig, but declined to confess or deny the killing.

Responding to defense counsel, Caraway described an unhappy childhood in Charlotte, N. C., with a cruel father. After he finished elementary school his parents separated and he sold papers and did other odd jobs after school to support himself and his mother.

The slight youth told of taking a machinist course at an NYA training school in the South and of being inducted into the Army, where he first began taking drugs and smoking marihuana in 1943.

COURT MARTIALED

In October, 1944, after returning to the U. S. from service overseas, he was accused of larceny by a civilian and was court-martialed. He was sentenced to a year and a dishonorable discharge. This sentence was suspended and he was put on six months probation. After four months he was picked up by the military police for possession of marihuana and was dishonorably discharged.

Gehrig spent all of his cross examination in an attempt to get Caraway to admit shooting and robbing Mrs. Logan and her daughter Jeanne. To date the D. A. has not produced a signed confession by Caraway, nor has any stenographic account of police and the DA grillings contained a direct confession.

TOOK DRUGS

Caraway claimed that on the morning of the murder he drove his employer, J. M. Rose to Port Washington station, then returned to the house and began cleaning. He had previously called an old army friend in Philadelphia and promised to come down that same afternoon.

"To make my burden light, I

took two or three of my capsules, and I have a faint recollection of leaving the house shortly after that."

At this point, Gehrig read testimony Caraway is alleged to have given to him and detectives. In it Caraway said he went "into a house and saw two women."

"Did you fire a shot?" Gehrig snapped.

Caraway looked him in the eye for a full minute and then answered, "I can't say I did, and I can't say I didn't. I just have a faint remembrance of hearing a shot."

Earlier, Caraway said his first clear remembrance after taking the drugs on the morning of the murder was 2 p.m. that afternoon when he awoke on a bed in the Rose home. He then drove to a service station where he saw newspaper accounts of the murder and was concerned at his resemblance to the description of the killer.

He had found a gun and an extra amount of money in his pockets on awakening. Becoming apprehensive later in the evening, he threw away the gun, and hid the extra money in the rear of the Rose car, where "It still is now if someone hasn't removed it."

The DA finished the cross-examination today. Tomorrow several doctors and psychiatrists will testify.

Slain in Athens

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 10.—Two republicans were killed and 10 seriously injured here today by monarchist hands.

One person was killed and 10 wounded when two persons tossed two hand grenades into a coffee house known to be frequented by republicans. The men escaped.



NEW PREMIER of Egypt is Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy, Saadist Party leader, who formed a new government yesterday. Nokrashy succeeds Ismail Sidky, also a Saadist, who quit under fire for his weak policy in negotiating the Anglo-Egyptian treaty. Nokrashy is pledged to hasten British evacuation.

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Mayor Calls for State Troops

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 10.—The threat of state troops for protection of scabs at the struck Allis Chalmers farm equipment plant here was evident today as Mayor Arnold Kientz of West Allis called for a part of the national guard from Gov. Walter Goodland.

Bedlam in Brooklyn: A Landlords' Meeting

By Marge Kellogg

The Gotham Room of the Hotel Granada in Brooklyn was jammed Monday night. They stood outside and pulled up chairs in the aisles and chatted in nervous, rapid-fire voices before the meeting began.

"So I told this tenant," a sharp-faced woman behind me said, "that he and his family would just have to move out. Yessir, I told him just that, and do you know he had the nerve to say..."

A thin, jumpy-eyed man who looked like a dozen other landlords, was telling his companion how three families were living in one apartment in his building. "The money I'm losing..." he complained.

CURTAIN RISE

At 8:30 a.m., a small stocky man in a blue pin-stripe suit banged on a glass at the speaker's table. The Lafayette League of Landlords and Operators got underway.

"I am glad to see so many of you people here tonight for our

worthy cause." There was a smattering of applause. "As you know, the aims of this organization are for group action to protect ourselves against undesirable tenants and otherwise safeguard our interests in 'The Hill' section of Brooklyn."

There was a nasty tension over the room as the landlords, each armed with his own complaint against his tenants, the OPA and the world in general, sat attentively on the edge of his chair.

A FRIEND OF OPA

The next speaker was a lawyer named Edward Ingram.

"Now I'm not condemning the OPA," he declared. "It's just the way they do things. (Laughter) What we need here is a good strong organization, one that will fight for our rights."

An old man on the aisle clapped so hard he almost fell off his chair.

Ingram talked smoothly and at great length. He didn't really condemn the OPA, he merely said it

was no good, it should be killed, and that it stood in the way of progress. He had little trouble convincing the audience.

When they were whipped up to a good fighting spirit, the featured speaker of the evening, Martin Levy, OPA area rent director, took the platform.

LET'S THEM HAVE IT

Mr. Levy was mad, good and mad. He had been insulted by Ingram at great length. His office had been insulted for performing a necessary duty. He looked over the sea of set, angry faces, drew a deep breath, and let loose.

Very patiently at first, he explained there were two sides to the question. There were the tenants too, to be considered. No one laughed, or smiled or applauded. No, he said in answer to an unscheduled question from the floor, he didn't think landlords should be given special privileges at the OPA office.

"We don't discriminate at the OPA," he said. "We don't discriminate between Negroes and whites, between religions, nor do we discriminate between landlords and tenants."

A florid faced man in the front row leapt to his feet. "You treat us like dogs at the OPA office," he screamed.

BEDLAM

Mr. Levy had all he could take. In measured tones he said, "I am used to insults, sir. We at the OPA are constantly being insulted, sworn at, and screamed at. I did not come here tonight to be insulted. I came here to give you some idea how OPA works. I am sorry you have taken this attitude."

For the next ten minutes there was general bedlam. I stayed at the meeting to see if this stately body would accomplish anything. It didn't. And in a few minutes I followed Mr. Levy, who was sadly shaking his head, out of the room. No one applauded.